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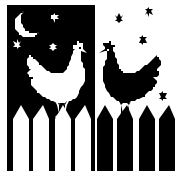
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending higher in the East and West, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Retail demand showed slight improvement, mostly moderate to good, best for ads and seasonal activities. Food service was also moderate to good, best into fast food. Supplies were well balanced to closely cleared. In the parts structure, wings were usually tight of an active call and held confidently. Breast items were close balanced to well cleared, and dark meat was no more than adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/20-08/25/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	51.00-56.00	51.00-68.00	54.28	25
Los Angeles	71.00			
New York	55.00-57.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	64.75-66.00	53.00-67.00	65.28	80

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 65.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
672	59.00-67.00	65.34
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	212.00	1,218
BREASTS - B/S	160.00	4,078
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.00	1,078
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50	675
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	7,928
WINGS	97.00	2,838

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged to one cent higher from last Monday's final. The trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to fully steady. Offerings of additional product were light for the limited buyer needs. Demand into retail accounts was mixed, slow to fairly good, best for features and seasonal activities. Food service movement was fair to good with fast food promotions providing best interest. Floor stocks were in a full range with sizes mixed. In the part complex, trading was limited with wings the best call. Supplies of parts items were adequate to well cleared, instances short of full trade needs. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings, steady to fully steady on breast items and steady on all other items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to fairly good with high optimism for next week also. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings continued short of an active call and held with confidence. Breast items were well cleared to sufficient with good demand, and dark meat was adequate and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority price was 1 cent higher than last Friday's level. The market tone was firm. Trading for next week's deliveries reported at generally higher prices. Offerings were adequate. Retail demand was good best where featured. Dealers anticipated fairly good weekend clearances. Ads noted-Southern California: whole body 55-89, whole cut-up 79-169, boneless breasts 197-499, split breasts 89-149, boneless leg meat 119-148 and 5# bag 640, whole legs 139, leg quarters 77 and 10# bag 390-590, thighs 79-139, drumsticks 69-139, wings 149-159, roasters 98; Northern California: whole body 59, boneless breasts 199 and 4# bag IQF 799, split breasts 119-199, whole legs 89, thighs 99, drumsticks 89-99, roasters 99; Arizona: whole body 99-149, whole cut-up 99, boneless breasts 169-449, split breasts 179, boneless thighs 169-449, thighs 79, drumsticks 79, roasters 99.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to fairly good at times as dealers assumed product entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes ranged adequate to balanced, however, the 3.5 to 4 pound birds were in the closest position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady, instances firm. In the parts complex, breast items continued no more than adequate to closely cleared. Dark meat cuts were well cleared. Wings were balanced to tight.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good entering the weekend and the bulk of seller offerings were well balanced to closely cleared, particularly on the 3 pound and heavier sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied, but were mostly desirable. Processing schedules included spot operations on Saturday, and were moderately heavy in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items and leg quarters were adequate to closely cleared. Wings were short of inquiry.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	55-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.33
NO. OF BOXES	12,463
CUMULATIVE	59.26
	08/13/01-08/17/01
	08/14/00-08/18/00
NO. OF BOXES	63,738
	08/13/01-08/17/01
	08/14/00-08/18/00
	52,336

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

AUG 16

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 17

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	930	147.00-210.00	150-152	151.51	943	147.00-210.00	150-158	153.18	4,731	150.47	
TENDERLOINS	964	140.00-235.00	142-145	146.79	1,029	140.00-235.00	145	149.25	5,022	148.75	
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	78.00-85.00	79-80	80.20	132	73.00-82.00	78-80	78.08	561	77.96	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				350	75.55	
LEGS	168	42.00-55.00	43-45	44.70	168	42.00-55.00	43-45	44.70	994	44.85	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	31.00-33.00	31-32	31.30	481	29.50-33.00	32	31.71	2,055	31.42	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,492	33.00-36.00	34-35	34.56	1,326	33.00-36.00	34-35	34.16	6,958	34.24	
WINGS (WHOLE)	331	95.00-102.00	97-99	98.34	296	97.00-103.00	97-99	98.39	1,515	96.91	
WINGS (CUT)	449	107.00-118.00	108-110	109.15	574	107.00-119.00	108-111	110.90	2,636	108.71	
DRUMSTICKS	101	49.00-55.00	-	50.17	69	49.00-55.00	-	49.78	447	49.48	
THIGHS	32	49.00-55.00	-	52.54	274	48.00-55.00	-	51.59	495	51.08	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				60	93.00-98.00	-	94.67	175	95.66	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 16, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

51.50 - 57.00

AVERAGE

53.90

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 17, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

50.25 - 57.00

AVERAGE

53.86

5-DAY**AVERAGE**

53.47

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased entering the weekend as dealers gauged needs and assumed product accordingly. Offerings of breast items were closely balanced. Dark meat lines ranged adequate to well cleared. Wings were no more than adequate to tight. Retail and distributive movement was moderate, and was best where attractive features continued. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, fully steady on breast items, steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUG 16				AUG 17				WEEKLY	
ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD		ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	150-155	161.34	587,103	BREAST - B/S	155	159.57	620,440	156.58	2,932,033
TENDERLOINS	135	139.96	123,840	TENDERLOINS	135	140.05	138,091	139.40	760,281
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	79.05	291,840	BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	79.73	304,760	78.82	1,533,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	77.25	144,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	74	76.75	144,000	75.94	766,840
LEGS	42-43	46.87	258,120	LEGS	42-43	46.56	302,720	46.78	1,275,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.05	653,243	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.42	544,636	32.32	3,026,121
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.80	158,140	DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.84	169,950	46.43	857,010
THIGHS	37-38	45.58	131,890	THIGHS	37-38	45.75	135,930	45.11	716,440
B/S THIGHS	88-89	93.44	66,280	B/S THIGHS	88-89	88.14	108,000	91.61	404,660
WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90	97.39	330,890	WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90	98.64	379,619	95.73	1,846,109
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.24	89,000	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	98,600	12.09	441,140
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.87	117,920	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.59	138,160	39.68	614,060
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.93	154,720	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.79	182,840	54.86	814,470

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
		08/17	08/16	08/15	08/14	08/15	08/14	08/15	08/14
ALA	4,095	4,031	4,082	3,977	4.96	5.00	4,220	4.94	
ARK	4,998	5,273	5,162	5,199	4.77	4.86	5,514	4.76	
DELMARVA	2,551	2,335	2,304	2,314	5.05	5.06	2,244	4.96	
KY-LA-TN	2,180	1,992	1,973	1,968	4.39	4.40	2,180	4.38	
MISS	2,967	2,852	2,733	2,800	4.98	5.07	3,046	4.97	
NC	2,643	2,556	2,587	2,598	5.86	5.85	2,463	5.81	
TEXAS	2,403	2,403	2,355	2,426	4.73	4.79	2,514	4.71	
TOTAL	21,837	21,442	21,196	21,282	4.96	5.01	22,181	4.93	
MON-FRI107,981(A)							106,831(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17 & 18-Aug-01 is estimated to be 32,671,000 down 1.84 percent from a week ago and up 1.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,285,000; last year 32,185,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 18-Aug-01 is estimated to be 155,731,000 head down 1.2 percent from a week ago, and down 1.8 percent from a year ago (Last week 157,545,000 Last year 158,583,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 95-97
	DRY PACK 96-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 91
	ICE PACK 98
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending August 4, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	31,686	34,132	42,473
Avg Weight	3.75	4.70	5.96
% of total /1	29%	32%	39%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	31,840	30,647	40,955
Avg Weight	3.79	4.79	6.00
% of total /1	31%	30%	40%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,507	40,081	36,292
Avg Weight	3.80	4.78	6.04
% of total /1	26%	39%	35%
To date/2001	1,010,679	843,349	1,374,141
To date/2000	1,021,921	1,024,727	1,267,987

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-Aug-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	157,545(A)	1,571	1,513	3,084	564
AVG WT	4.90	3.49	7.87	5.64	6.44
LAST WEEK	156,964	1,597	1,512	3,109	479
SAME WK YR AGO	159,036	1,964	1,749	3,713	407
AVG WT	5.01	3.43	7.83	5.50	6.48
TO-DATE/2001	4,899,707	56,441	43,898	100,339	16,013
TO-DATE/2000	4,952,528	62,585	45,921	108,506	14,227

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.5 million head or 0.3 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUGUST 14, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90 - 1.76	Silgies	1.50 - 2.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.42	Geese 9-14	.20 - .38
Pekin Ducks	.10 - .20	Pigeons	2.00 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.28 - .42	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.40 - .58	Rabbits 4-6	.70 - 1.10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.40 - .64	Rabbits 7-11	.70 - .94
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.40 - 1.10	Bunnies	1.00 - 4.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - 1.04	Guinea Pigs	.10 - 2.75ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.55 - 1.80	Kid Goats	22.00 - 34.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 7.00ea.	Doves	3.50 - 7.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Pullets 4-6	.50 - .64
Leghorn Hens	.14 - .24	Total Coops Sold	820
Leghorn Roosters	.25 - .36		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 13-AUG-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-85
	65-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand moderate to good. Sizes were desirable to light. Slaughter schedules were reduced due to lighter duck sizes caused by hot weather in the Midwest last week. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 13-AUG-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO

ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
JULY	7	138.4	158.1	88	5.07
	14	160.0	158.6	101	5.06
	21	160.4	159.5	101	4.96
	28	160.0	160.8	100	4.79
AUGUST	4	158.9	160.6	99	5.09
	11	159.5	159.2	100	5.90
YEAR TO DATE	4959.3	4941.4	100		
AUGUST	18	159.1			
	25	156.4			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	08/18/01	08/11/01	% CHG	08/19/00	% CHG
Broilers	155,731	157,545	-01	158,583	-02
Cattle	707	680	+04	696	+02
Hogs	1,802	1,721	+05	1,862	-03

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged on heavy canners and about unchanged on lights, when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were at least adequate on light canners and about adequate to adequate on heavies. Demand was in a full range of light to good. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-25.5 MAJORITY 23-25	29.5-38 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-29.5 MAJORITY 24.5-25	32-40 MAJORITY 32-33

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for trade needs. Demand was light and generally unaggressive. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Canners movement was moderate with offerings at least sufficient. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of light hens. Schedules were normal with finished sales fair. The undertone was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings ample for the light demand. Finished product movement continued moderate at best with many spent hens moving into rendering channels. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings mainly adequate.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were too few to report prices. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Canner supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with current production adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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